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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 November 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/5508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 05-15-2006, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schmutz (US Pub. No. 2001/0031624).

Regarding claim 1, Schmutz teaches a local communications network (fig. 1) providing communication between a mobile station (18) and a fixed station (15) through (repeater 12) a relay antenna (11 and 13) and a data transmission link (19) which links the antenna (13 to 14) to a fixed radio frequency station (15), wherein the transmission link is a wireless radio frequency transmission link (fig. 1, page 2, par [0020-0021]).

Regarding claim 2, Schmutz teaches the wireless radio frequency transmission link includes means for transmitting and receiving signals at frequencies between 400 MHz and 18 GHz (see PCS and standard wireless telephony GSM, page 2, par [19 and 0026]).

In this case, Schmutz teaches the GSM frequency ranges GSM networks operate in a number of different frequency ranges (separated into GSM frequency ranges for 2G and UMTS frequency bands for 3G). Most 2G GSM networks operate in the 900 MHz or 1800 MHz bands. Some countries in the Americas (including Canada and the United States) use the 850 MHz and 1900 MHz bands because the 900 and 1800 MHz frequency bands were already allocated. Most 3G GSM networks in Europe operate in the 2100 MHz frequency band. The rarer 400 and 450 MHz frequency bands are assigned in some countries where these frequencies were previously used for first-generation systems. GSM-900 uses 890–915 MHz to send information from the mobile station to the base station (uplink) and 935–960 MHz for the other direction (downlink), providing 125 RF channels (channel numbers 1 to 124) spaced at 200 kHz. Duplex spacing of 45 MHz is used. In some countries the GSM-900 band has been extended to cover a larger frequency range. This 'extended GSM', E-GSM, uses 880–915 MHz (uplink) and 925–960 MHz (downlink), adding 50 channels (channel numbers 975 to 1023 and 0) to the original GSM-900 band. The transmission power in the handset is limited to a maximum of 2 watts in GSM850/900 and 1 watt in GSM1800/1900. So that Schmutz teaches the limitation of the frequency range between 400MHz to 18GHz may be at 1800 MHz bands.

Regarding claim 3, Schmutz teaches the wireless radio frequency transmission link (19) includes a first electronic device (12) associated with the antenna (13) and a second electronic device (14 of 15) associated with the fixed radio frequency station (15) and a wireless transmission channel (19) these connecting the first (12) and second electronic devices (15) (see fig. 1).

Regarding claim 4, Schmutz teaches the first electronic device (12) includes means for analog/digital (A/D 39C) conversion and the second electronic device (15) includes means for digital/analog conversion (D/A 38C) (fig. 2-3, page 2-3, par [0026-0027 and 0031-0035]).

Regarding claim 5, Schmutz teaches the first (12) and second electronic devices (15) include means for compressing *or* decompressing the signal to be transmitted (page 1, par [0006]).

Regarding claim 9, Schmutz teaches the first (12) and second electronic devices (15) include means for compressing or decompressing the signal to be transmitted (page 1, par [0006]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 6-8, 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmutz (US Pub. No. 2001/0031624) in view of Baker (US Pub. No. 2003/0232595).

Regarding claim 6 and 10-11, Schmutz teaches a multiband antenna (13 and 14), wherein the first electronic device (12) and BTS (15) (see fig. 1, repeater 12 with translator directional

antennas 13, page 2, par [0020-0021]). But Schmutz does not mention the multiband antenna includes means for identifying a channel on which signals to be transmitted are received by the antenna.

However, Baker teaches the repeater (110 or 200) with multi-band antenna (212) includes for identifying a channel on which signals to be transmitted are received by the antenna (fig. 1-3 and 6, page 4, par [0044-0050]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify above teaching of Schmutz with Baker, in order to provide amplifier unit and repeater configured to identify a frequency associated with incoming wireless signal (see suggested by Baker on page 4, par [0050]).

Regarding claims 7 and 12-14, Baker teaches the first electronic device (110 or 200) includes means for verifying the presence of a station for functioning at a frequency at which signals to be transmitted are received by the antenna (212 and 208) (see fig. 2-3 and 6, page 4-5, par [0044, and [0048-0057]). In this case, the repeater with amplifier to configured to verified the incoming signal and to compensate for a loss in signal strength with the function and calculated value, for transmitting and amplifier to the level that detected incoming signal and converted and transmitted.

Regarding claim 8, Baker teaches including several stations, each station functioning at a predetermined frequency and communicating with a multi-band antenna (212, 206 and 208) (fig. 1-3 and 5-6, page 2-5, par [0024, 0044, 0059], and page 7, par [0084]).

Conclusion

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